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Art Unit	2815
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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2. **Miscellaneous**

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- b. ☒ Other **Extension of Time:**

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees for any insufficiency directed thereto, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **01-2135**
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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Sir:

This submission is in the form of an Amendment which is being filed in connection with a RCE (Request for Continued Examination) responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action of April 8, 2003. (An RCE transmittal along with a Petition for Extension of Time covering the one month extended time period for filing this response and an authorized Credit Card Payment Form covering the fee amount directed thereto is enclosed.) Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

An **Appendix** including amended drawing Fig. 4 is attached following the
Remarks.